Junior- Senior Information Packet

**2022-2023**

Terre Haute South Vigo High School

Guidance Office

2022-2023



**College Application Student Checklist**

**www.vigoschools.org/~thsvhs**

Student to do list:

* Keep organized with a separate college binder & calendar
* Create a “professional” email address! Remember your username and password.
* Register & take SAT or ACT – Students **SEND** your scores directly to colleges

via [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) .

* Develop a resume/information sheet (on the Guidance website and attached to this packet).
* Ask for letters of recommendation (some schools require recommendations for admission)
* Ask appropriate people to write on your behalf at least three weeks before the due date.
* Ask your counselor, teachers, employers, or coaches.
* The Guidance Office has a recommendation request form you can download to give to your writers.
* As soon as possible after its Oct. 1 release, complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov/), along with any other financial aid applications your chosen school(s) may require. You should submit your FAFSA® by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying, usually by early February. Refer to the [FAFSA: Applying for Aid](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa) section of this site as you go through the application process
* NCAA - Division I or II athletics only - www.eligibilitycenter.org
* Check the THS Guidance webpage for scholarships or follow us on twitter @THS\_Guidance
* **WATCH DEADLINES! PLAN AHEAD! WATCH DEADLINES! PLAN AHEAD!**

**Sending your transcript**

Create account on [Parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com/)

* Click Sign up and fill in all fields – you will receive an email with a confirmation code – if you do not see it check your spam folder – after getting the code proceed with adding your school
* Click Start by adding a school or organization you attended
* Enter Terre Haute South Vigo in the search box and click Search.
* When school appears click add.
* You will be brought to Add Enrollment info page, select currently enrolled, if your name was different when you enrolled complete that section – if not leave it blank
* Enter your date of birth; Select Gender
* Complete years attended ( most will be earliest year 2018, Expected grad year 2022)
* Under FERPA waive your rights, check if you want a copy stored
* Click Consent and request

**Order**

Log in to parchment.com

You will see Terre Haute South Vigo listed. Click Order

 Pick destination – school, business or other organization OR to a person

Search for the organization and Select - you should see something like

FROM TO

Terre Haute South Vigo Indiana State University

Processing Time – Send now or send at the end of the trimester

Add more schools if you want – when finished click Save & Continue.

Review your order and click Continue

Provide consent – click and save – there is no fee – you will land on confirmation order page and you can track your order.

**Financial Aid & Scholarships**

**Financial Aid:**

* Every student is required to fill out the online Federal FAFSA Form – FAFSA opens October 1, 2021 – you will use 2020 income information for you and your parents.
* FAFSA requires information on income & assets for both the student & parents

(2020 tax returns, bank accounts, 529 savings plans, etc.)

* Check each of your individual college financial aid web pages for specific financial aid requirements from each college.

**Scholarships:**

* Check for scholarships by college, local and national.
* To search for national scholarships visit [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) .
* Updated scholarship lists will be posted on the Guidance website and on Twitter @THS\_Guidance.
* **Application deadlines vary by scholarship and college. Keep track of deadlines!**

**College / Career Searches / Military:**

* For career searches and interest inventories register on [www.IndianaCareerExplorer.com](http://www.IndianaCareerExplorer.com).
* To explore college, career information and more visit [www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org) .
* If you are headed to the job market check out [www.indianacareerconnect.com](http://www.indianacareerconnect.com) for job information.
* Thinking about the military? Recruiters are here frequently during lunch. Take the ASVAB Oct 18!!!

**College Visits:**

Every senior and junior is able to take **TWO** college visit days that will be excused. To take a college day, you should do the following:

* Contact the college/university via phone or online to set up a college visit appointment.
* Have your parent contact the attendance office 24 hours beforehand to let them know that you will be taking a college day.
* While visiting the college/university make sure to get a letter on school letterhead stating that you were there to participate in a college day visit.
* See Page 26 of the student handbook to note days that are not acceptable for college visit days.

Writing College Essays:

The long-anticipated, much-procrastinated, college essay! It’s time-consuming, but worth every minute you devote to it. The college essay is your personal finger print, allowing you to showcase your individuality and creativity. Use these tips to make this essay all about YOU!

• Make it personal - Answer the question and then focus on how it relates to your future, your goals and who you are as a person.

• Captivate your Audience-Give a quick, enticing introduction and make your reader want to keep reading by engaging them.

• Be Yourself-Choose a topic that you can make meaningful to you. Reveal a side of you that is not otherwise revealed in your application. Use your own voice. Don’t just write what you think they want to hear.

• Accentuate the positive-use details to describe personal experiences and emphasize how the experiences changed you for the better.

• Reflect on life experiences but handle sensitive experiences or subjects carefully. Be aware that the reader may not hold the same political, social or personal views as you.

• Ask for input from a teacher, friend or parent. Feedback is helpful.

• Revise, Revise, Revise—Devote time to writing, rewriting, proofing and revising. Read the essay.

**SAT**

[www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

* Online registration is required approximately ONE MONTH prior to the test date.
* Fee Waivers available through Mrs.Hardin for qualified students (free/reduced lunch or 21st Century Scholar).
* On-line score results available on collegeboard.com approximately 3 weeks after test date.
* Students must request scores to be sent to their colleges through collegeboard.com. Many colleges require official score reports (IU, Purdue, NCAA).

**ACT**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

* Deadline to register is often FIVE WEEKS prior to the test date.
* Fee Waivers available through Guidance for qualified students (free/reduced lunch or 21st Century Scholar).
* Guidance recommends the “ACT plus Writing” exam for first time testers.
* ACT includes a science section not found on the SAT.
* Colleges will accept the ACT and/or the SAT

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| **2022-2023 SAT sat.collegeboard.com** **Fees $49.50 / $64.50 with Essay** |  |
| **SAT Date** | **Registration Deadline** | **Late Registration Deadline** |  |
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| **November 5** | October 7 | October 25 |  |
| **December 3** | November 3 | November 22 |  |
| **March 11** | February 10 | February 28 |  |
| **May 6** | April 7 | April 25 |  |
| **June 3** | May 4 |  May 23 |  |
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|  **2022-2023 ACT www.actstudent.org**  **Fees $50.50/ $67.00 with Essay** |  |
| **Test Date** | **Registration Deadline** | **(Late Fee Required)** |  |
| October 22 | September 16 | September30 |  |
| December 10 | November 4 | November 11 |  |
| February 11 | January 1 | January 20 |  |
| April 15 | March 10 | March 24 |  |
| June 10 | May 5 | May 19 |  |
| July 15 | June 16 | June 23 |  |
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**Common Application**

Some schools require students to apply via the Common Application. Check the admissions website to see if the Common Application is used. It can be found at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) .

 **What is it?**

* An Online college application.
* Set up a username & password and keep it in a safe place.
* Fill out your information once and send it to multiple colleges.
* Access the common application as many times as needed.
* Pay online with a credit card or a fee waiver.

**Get to Know the Common Application:**

* Set up your username & password and then take time to become familiar with the various sections.
* Start your common app. essay today. (easily uploaded)
* You **MUST** invite your teacher on the common app. site to send their letter of recommendation.
* You **MUST** invite your counselor on the common app. site to send their letter of recommendation.
* All School items, i.e., transcript and letters of recommendation are sent electronically.
* Some colleges require an additional “supplement” or questions to be answered just for their college.
* Once you send your Common App. to a school you CANNOT make changes.

**Other Helpful Information:**

* Meet with your school counselor to be sure that your list includes colleges appropriate to your academic and personal record.
* Review your transcript with your counselor to ensure accuracy.
* All of this information can be found on our guidance website: www.vigoschools.org/~thsvhs
* If you plan to earn a Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma meet with your counselor to make sure that you have met the requirements.

**21st Century Scholars-**Make sure you are doing scholar track activities. Final GPA MUST be a 2.5 or higher. You must graduate with at least Core 40 diploma.

**IU Groups-**See Mr. Harden for more information on this opportunity for minority and/or first-generation scholars.

**Guidance Dates for Seniors and/or Parents:**

**Sept. 26-Sept 30, 2022-** College GO Week!

**Oct. 1, 2021**- FAFSA available for 2022/2023 admissions.

**October 12, 2022-** PSAT

**October 18, 2022**- ASVAB

**October 2022-** Financial Aid Night

**Nov. 1, 2022-** Deadline for many colleges for academic scholarships.

**Nov. 6, 2022-** College Goal Sunday!

**Dec. 21, 2022 – January 3, 2023- GUIDANCE OFFICE IS CLOSED.**

**March 1, 2023**- Deadline for filing the FAFSA.

**April 2023-** Academic Banquet

**End of May, 2023-** Senior Awards @ 8:30 a.m.

**Early June-** Graduation